

## Gallatin City-County Health Department

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## **Post Incident Clean-up Tips**

When dust and unknown debris are involved, treat with caution and use wet cleaning practices to keep particles from becoming airborne. This would include thoroughly wetting surfaces before wiping or mopping versus dusting and sweeping.

If unknown debris is present on carpeted areas that cannot be washed with wet practices, vacuuming should be done with equipment that has a high efficiency particulate air filtration system (HEPA).

It is recommended to wear protective equipment, such as an N95 mask (available at local hardware stores), protective gloves or other protective equipment suitable for the task.

Use caution when cleaning up broken glass, as the visible shards are usually accompanied by much smaller slivers of glass.

It may be beneficial to double bag or put bags of broken glass into boxes to prevent injury to sanitation workers.

If water intrusion has occurred, you may want to contact a restoration company to aid in thoroughly drying items (carpet, upholstered furniture, etc.) to prevent mold growth. General guidelines recommend items be dried within 48 hours to prevent the growth of mold.

For more information, please contact the Gallatin City-County Health Department, Environmental Health Services at 582-3120 or 215 West Mendenhall.